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To whom it may concern;

North Dakota is very fortunate that we are not seeing the effects of the recession that other parts of the country are experiencing and that is due to the current oil field activity in the western part of the state. Missouri Basin Well Service is one of 250 oil field service companies located in the Williston Basin, which employ CDL drivers Missouri Basin's fleet of drivers alone has increase 33% since 2008. Our drivers on the average will make \$95,000 annually, including benefits.

To help you better understand the demand for CDL drivers in the oil field, it takes on the average, about 800 truckloads of various products to drill a well, that is, from the time drilling starts until it is put into production. This figure does not include the ongoing needs for the transport of crude oil and production water from the location after it is completed.

A recent article in the February issue of Raymond James newsletter suggest that our company alone will need to increase our driver fleet by 1000 drivers in the next five years just to maintain our market share of our current work load. This will continue to place a demand on our need for well trained, qualified CDL drivers.

Missouri Basin is in favor of the upcoming legislation to pass the Driving Training Bill.

Sincerely,

Charles Steffan

Chief Operations Officer

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